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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

Named Inventor(s): Jay S. Walker et al.

Prior Application:

Serial No. 09/058,840  
Examiner: P. Laufer  
Group Art Unit: 2766

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

1. This is a request for a ☒ Continuation application ☐ Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of prior application serial no. 09/058,840, filed on 4/13/1998 and entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY ASSISTED COMMERCIAL NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED TO FACILITATE BUYER-DRIVEN CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OFFERS which is a continuation application of serial no. 08/707,660 filed 9/4/1996, now U.S. Patent Number 5,794,207.
2. The following are enclosed herewith:
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
  - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☐ Copies of References Cited in Information Disclosure Statement
3. ☐ Please enter the Amendment/Request For Reconsideration After Final Rejection filed \_\_ in the above-identified application.
4. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time and Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/058,840 to extend the time for action in the parent application until January 12, 2000.
5. Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending and has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending with said parent application. Please use all the contents of the parent application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.
6. ☒ The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims:

a. ☐ remaining after entering enclosed Amendment.

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- b. ☐ entered in the parent application as of the date of its abandonment.
- c. ☐ remaining after entering the Amendment After Final Rejection filed \_\_\_ in the above-identified parent application.
- d. ☒ Remaining after canceling in this application original claims 98-121 of the parent application. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

CALCULATION OF APPLICATION

	Number		Number Extra	Rate for Non-Small Entity	Basic Fee \$690.00
Total* Claims	1	-20=	-0-	x \$18.00	\$-0-
Independent Claims	1	-3=	-0-	x \$78.00	\$-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims					
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	Additional Fee = none	

Filing Fee Calculation \$ 690.00

7. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 690.00 in payment of the CPA application filing fees is attached.
9. ☐ Charge fee to Morgan & Finnegan Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
10. ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, including all extension of time fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for maintaining copendency with the parent application, or credit any overpayment to Morgan & Finnegan Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 3553-4010US4. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
11. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. (country)
12. ☒ The parent application is assigned of record to priceline.com, Incorporated
13. ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached along with the Assignment Recordation Form cover sheet.

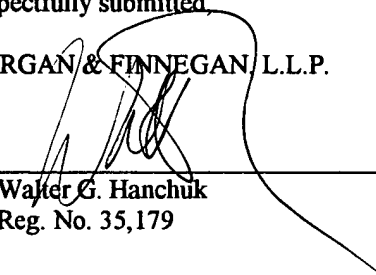
\* Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c).

14.    ☐    A check in the amount of \$40.00 for recording the Assignment is attached.
15.    ☒    The Power of Attorney was filed in the parent application.
16.    ☐    A new Power of Attorney has been executed and is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 12, 2000

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